

State South CarolinaCOOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENTS WITH STATE HEALTH AND STATE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AGENCIES

The following is a description of the cooperative arrangements with the State and local agencies by means of which the services administered or supervised by those agencies will be utilized to the maximum degree and will be coordinated with the medical care and services provided by the State Agency under the plan:

AGREEMENT BETWEEN VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

The South Carolina Department of Social Services and the South Carolina State Agency of Vocational Rehabilitation entered into an agreement for the purpose of describing the cooperative relationship between the two agencies. The State Department of Social Services and the Vocational Rehabilitation Department agree to use the facilities of each agency for rehabilitating applicants and recipients for medical, financial, and rehabilitation assistance. This agreement includes referrals, sharing of information between agencies on clients, and to respect the confidential nature of information available by either agency.

The two agencies will collaborate on cases with both agencies combining its efforts and resources to provide needed financial, social and medical services for the purpose of providing self-supporting employment and economic independence and enhancing family functioning.

The Department of Social Services will make provisions for early access to medical and remedial care available under the Medicaid program and provide for early identification and referral of vocational rehabilitation clients. The Department of Social Services will provide continuing financial support while in the process of vocational rehabilitation and further will not deduct from assistance payments amounts provided by the Vocational Rehabilitation Agency.

Included in the Vocational Rehabilitation Program are specific services such as counselling, work adjustments, job training, placement and follow-up services as required for successful entry into and maintenance of suitable employment.

AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL.Survey and Certification:

The South Carolina Department of Social Services (DSS), the single state agency responsible for administering the South Carolina plan for the Medical Assistance Program (Title XIX), entered into a cooperative agreement with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, (DHEC). Under this agreement the Department of Health and Environmental Control, the single state agency responsible for determining compliance of skilled nursing facilities participating in Title XIX, is given the duties of surveying and certifying such facilities for compliance with Federal standards for participation in the Medicaid program. These duties are carried out in accordance with all State and Federal Regulations.

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Family Planning Services:

DSS entered into a cooperative agreement with DHEC for Family Planning Services. Under this agreement DHEC agreed to furnish Family Planning Services as provided for under applicable Federal Regulations and State Law to all individuals who are eligible for Social Services in South Carolina. DSS agreed to purchase these services as performed by or under the supervision of professional personnel in the DHEC.

Physician Services:

DSS entered into a cooperative agreement with DHEC for Physician Services. Under this agreement DHEC agreed to furnish physician services to all individuals who are eligible for Medical Assistance, and DSS agreed to purchase these services as performed by or under the supervision of licensed physicians.

Early Periodic Screening and Diagnosis Treatment:

A contract exists between DSS and DHEC for the purchase of early screening services. These services conform to those outlined in DHHS regulations (42 CFR Part 401). It covers children and young adults from birth to 21 years of age. The service covers initial and periodic screening evaluations. Current contract is on an encounter fee for services rendered. (DSS contracts with comprehensive health centers, rural health centers, outpatient hospital clinics, school districts, and physicians to provide EPSDT screening at the encounter fee per screening).

Home Health Services:

An agreement exists between DSS and DHEC to furnish home health services as defined in P.L. 94-97, Section 1861 (m) SSH. These services are provided to eligible patients affected by illness or disability as attested to by an attending physician. A review of the patient's medical plan is accomplished every two (2) months.

Hearing Aids:

An agreement exists between DSS and DHEC (Crippled Childrens Program) to furnish prescribed hearing aids to eligible Medicaid recipients under the age of 21 years. The service covers initial evaluation equipment and repair services.

The Department of Social Services has executed other intra-agency agreements which are on file in the State Agency.

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